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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Subject: Re: CAG: July update and August

thank you kim.

Best,
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> On Jul 21, 2019, at 5:07 PM, CAG Administrator <vbi170cag@gmail.com> wrote:
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> CAG and Community Members,
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> Thank you for your attendance at the July CAG meeting and for your continued interest in the important work of learning why the site was deemed a superfund site, what contamination may still exist, why it's a concern and for advocating for a better environment and better quality of health and life for those most impacted by contamination within the site.
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> Chuck Norris shared his expert analysis of the VB/I-70 Superfund Site's OU2 and areas he identified as being of interest for the current Remedial Investigation. Chuck started with a brief overview of the Superfund process. Starting with a conceptual model or hypothesis the EPA conducts a Remedial Investigation (a test of their hypothesis). The agency then conducts a Feasibility Study to confirm their test findings and develop a plan of action. Thereafter a Record of Decision (ROD) is released, which publicly explains the remediation plan for cleaning up the site.
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> A ROD has not yet been developed for VB/I-70 OU2.
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> Chuck noted that Denver municipal papers report that the city of Denver purchased slag from the smelters and that they planned to use it for road beds and to sell it to contractors. Aerial maps and other documents show that the slag was removed from OU2 (which includes the coliseum parking lot, Forney Museum, part of Pepsi, and other properties in the area). The remaining hole was filled in with municipal waste. Information pertaining to the slag's whereabouts is not or has not been made available to the public.
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> The OU2 Remedial Investigation remains focused on arsenic and lead despite the presence of other contaminants of concern from the smelters, the municipal landfill and other sources.
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> Questions that the CAG may want to raise to the EPA (to raise to Denver) include:
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> - Where were the slag materials transported to? The pile had been removed by 1930.
> Some slag was found in the I-70 right of way. Where is the remainder?
> - Some slag was crushed and sold to contractors? Which contractors purchased the slag? What did they do with the material?
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> Chlorinated solvents have been found in groundwater. Free floating gases from municipal waste has been identified. What is the make up of the gas?
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> The landfill releases methane.
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> Attached is Chuck's outline for additional considerations for the Remedial Investigation.
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> Chuck recommended that the CAG request that EPA and Denver study both the depth and breadth of the OU2 land area, with a focus on the landfill and the slag pile removal and expand their investigation to include additional contaminants, in addition to arsenic and lead.
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> The CAG's next meeting is scheduled for August 20th. Location to be confirmed but expected to be at Johnson Rec Center. We are working to bring in a local health expert to discuss the impacts of lead, arsenic and other endocrine disrupting contaminants on human health. We will also set aside time to discuss Chuck's recommendation.
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> See you on the 20th.
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> Regards,
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> Kim
> <20190707 Outline for OU2 RI.pdf>